REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	19 October 2000
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Wellington
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Billy24
Other Known Titles:	Billy24.jpg
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	Not Applicable
Language:	Not Applicable

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer printout entitled *Billy24* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication is a computer printout of a black and white photograph. The computer printout promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes by presenting a naked boy in a sexualised manner. There is no context that would indicate a non-sexual reading of the nudity. A sexualised reading of the image is encouraged by the medium in which the publication is presented, and the likely purpose for which the publication is intended to be used, namely the sexual gratification of persons with a sexual interest in boys. The publication is therefore deemed objectionable.

The criteria applied by the Classification Office resulting in the limit on the availability of this publication are prescribed by law. This classification represents the minimum interference with freedom of expression (as affirmed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990) that is consistent with preventing likely injury to the public good.

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